

spective teachers who will officiate as deputy marshals where they will be placed under the charge and direction of R. W. Graves, chief marshal, when the procession will be formed and proceed up Main, Dundaff and Salem streets to a grove on Salem road near Hollenbeck's steam mill where refreshments will be prepared for the children after which short addresses will be delivered by several eminent speakers. S. S. Benedict will preside. The children will then return in procession to the public square where they will be dismissed. The exercises in the Methodist church will commence at 11 a. m. by singing an ode by the choir under the direction of G. W. Griswold. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ward. Singing. Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Rev. J. A. Stone. Singing. Address by Rev. C. H. Harvey, Honesdale. Singing. Oration, subject, "Education," Hon. Wm. Jessup. Singing. Benediction. At the close of the exercises a public dinner will be prepared in a hall near the church where it is expected that several addresses and sentiments will be offered in commemoration of the achievement of American independence. Hon. James Archbald will preside. Single tickets for the dinner 75 cents, to be had at the post office or any of the committee.—S. S. Benedict, Louis Pughe, Alexander Bryden, committee of the school board; Wm. Ball, Edward Jones, of Common council; Thos. Gillespie, Michael Flynn, of Select council."

CARBONDALE OF TODAY.

On June 21, 1886, the city councils by an unanimous vote passed an ordinance surrendering the old charter and accepting the provisions of the Act of 1874, classifying the cities of the commonwealth and providing for the government of the same; thus terminating a form of government which although defective in many respects had proved a simple and economical one.

Carbondale today is a progressive community of 13,500 inhabitants. Since 1890 within the city limits the population has increased twenty per cent., while just over the city line the number of residents has doubled during the same period. New collieries have been opened and the coal output largely increased. Three railroads centre in this city over which fifty-eight passenger trains are run every day, viz., the Delaware & Hudson, the Erie and the Ontario & Western, all of which makes Carbondale an important railroad centre, with shipping facilities equal to any interior city in the state.

Carbondale has progressed rapidly in a manufacturing way, and can justly boast of the Hendrick Co., manufacturers of pumps, mining machinery, etc.; the Clover Leaf Co., manufacturers of bobhins, quills and silk mill sundries; the Sperl Co., manufacturers of heaters; Van Bergen & Co., founders and machinists; Carbondale Metal Works; Klots Bros., silk throwsters; Empire Silk Co., manufacturers of dress

and tie silk; Carbondale Machine Co., manufacturers of ice machines, filter presses, etc., besides the extensive shops connected with our various railroad lines.

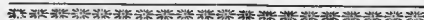
Two of the strongest banking houses in this section are located here and the mercantile establishments are as attractive and up to date as any to be found in cities of the interior. Unlike most coal districts the central portion of the city is not undermined and the deeds for property in the business part of the city are made without the coal reserve clause. A low estimate of the population of the compactly built up district of which Carbondale is the centre would be 20,000.

There are a half dozen of the largest coal companies in the country doing business in or near the city with millions of capital invested. Carbondale is connected with towns on the north and south by electric street railway. It has an admirable system of electric lighting and the most modern of gas plants. The water supply is plentiful and of the best quality. It is furnished by three different companies. Our school buildings are equipped with the latest and most approved paraphernalia.

The public and private structures completed during the past few years are models of elegance and beauty. It has one of the most efficient hospitals in the state. St. Rose convent, the Mother house of the Scranton diocese, is a large, most complete and attractively located institution. Carbondale's representative club, the Cycle club, has a home on North Church street that is worthy of any of the larger cities. The city's church establishments are many and handsome. They are edifices that all point to with pride.

Carbondale is at the outlet to the great lakes and northern regions and the key of the situation in the coal traffic. Situated 1100 feet above the sea level, in a remarkably healthy region no finer spot for home or business venture could be found.

In concluding this historical souvenir, we wish to thank all who have shown so much interest and contributed in any way to its preparation. No attempt has been made to bring its contents beyond the year 1870, and there we leave our labors to be taken up by the next historian.



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